



DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, July 17, 2008

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, July 17, 2008, 3:00 p.m. at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley
Ronald L. Griffin
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings
AC Ralph Godbee
AC Robert Dunlap
2nd DC James Tate
Cmdr. Gail Wilson-Turner
Lt. Darwin Roche
PO Sophia Nelms
PO Viera Brownlee
PO Leon Rakmaan

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT

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| Ron Scott | Tawanna Morris |
| Sandra Hines | LaWanda Hail-Ruffin |
| Tom Stidham | Edith Lee Payne |
| W. Miller | Edward Moore |
| Tom Scott | Imani Nabor |

RECORDERS

Jerome Adams
PO Kent Cooper

1. CALL TO ORDER

Comm. Ramirez called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:41 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Thursday, July 17, 2008**

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, July 10, 2008**

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

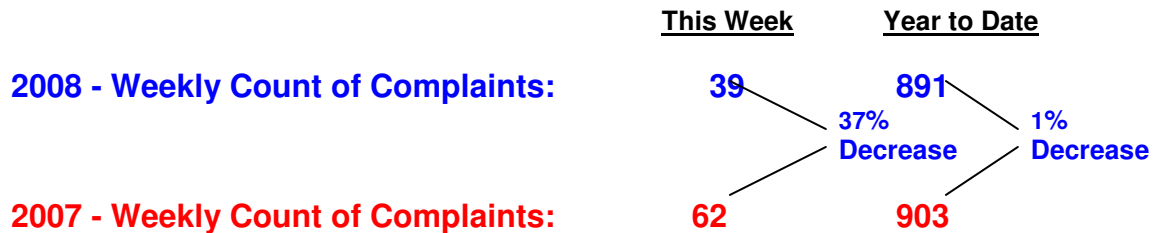
VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of 1,085 active investigations, of which 717 of those are for 2008.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

| Total | COMMAND | ALLEGATIONS | | | | | | | | | Total |
|-------|-------------------|-------------|----------|-------|------------|-------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|-------------|
| CCR | W/E 07/17/08 | Arrest | Demeanor | Force | Harassment | Entry | Procedure | Property | Search | Service | Allegations |
| 2 | CENTRAL | | 2 | | | | 2 | | | | 4 |
| 4 | COMMUNICATIONS | | 2 | | | | | | | 3 | 5 |
| 7 | EASTERN | | 6 | 1 | | | 4 | | | | 11 |
| 1 | EVIDENCE TECH | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 1 | NARCOTICS | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | 2 |
| 2 | NORTHEASTERN | | | 2 | | | | 1 | | 1 | 4 |
| 9 | NORTHWESTERN | | 4 | | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 10 |
| 7 | SOUTHWESTERN | 1 | 3 | 1 | | | 4 | | | 3 | 12 |
| 1 | TACTICAL SERVICES | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| 10 | Unknown Command | | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 5 | | 1 | 2 | 18 |
| 1 | VICE ENFORCEMENT | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | VIOLENT CRIMES | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | 2 |
| 2 | WESTERN | | 1 | | | | 2 | | | | 3 |
| 48 | | 2 | 23 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 74 |

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Domestic Violence

On July 11th, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 6000 block of Westwood on a “Person Armed with a Weapon” and arrested a subject. Subsequent to the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with “*Felonious Assault,*” “*Felony Firearms,*” “*Felon in Possession,*” “*Domestic Violence,*” “*Assault & Battery,*” and “*Habitual 3rd.*”

Special Points of Interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, July 24, 2008

@ 3:00 P.M.

**Detroit Police Department
1300 Beaubien st.
Detroit, Michigan 48226**

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Engaging the Community

ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

| | | <u>Location</u> | <u>Hours of Operation</u> | <u>Telephone</u> |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Western District | 2 | 1300 Beaubien | 24 Hours | 596-5100 |
| | | 2151 E. Jefferson | 24 Hours | 596-6400 |
| Central District | 2 | 7737 Kercheval | 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. | 628-2121 |
| | | 19810 Grand River | 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. | 935-5322 |
| Northwestern District | 2 | 13530 Lesure | 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. | 596-5300 |
| | | 12000 Livernois | 24 Hours | 237-2555 |
| | | 20 Atwater | 24 Hours | 237-2850 |

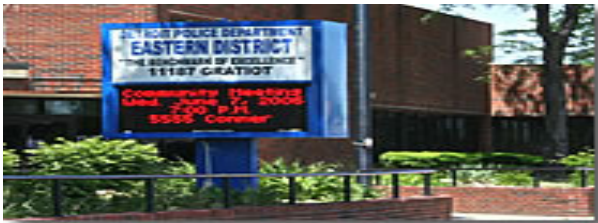
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Eastern District

On July 11th, while on patrol, officers of the Eastern District observed a vehicle that was wanted for *"Unlawfully Driving Away an Automobile/Kidnapping,"* with four small children inside. As a result of the officers' quick actions and investigation, and working in conjunction with the Michigan State Police a subject was taken into custody. The children were not harmed.



Southwestern District

On July 9th, an officer of the Southwestern District was approached by a complainant who had been carjacked. Due to the officers' quick response, two subjects were arrested and charged with *"Robbery Armed,"* and *"Motor Vehicle Advisory."* One of the subjects was also charged with *"Robbery Armed," "Carjacking," "Receiving & Concealing/Weapons,"* and *"Felony Firearm."*



Central District

On July 8th, officers of the Central District were on patrol in the area of Cass and Peterboro, when they heard gunshots. As a result of their investigation, a subject was arrested and narcotics were confiscated. The subject was charged with *"Carrying a Concealed Weapon," "Felony Firearm,"* and *"Possession with Intent to Distribute."*



Northwestern District

On July 7th, officers of the Northwestern District investigated a vehicle for a traffic violation in the area of Riverview and West McNichols. The officers' investigation revealed that the vehicle was stolen. The subject was arrested and charged with *"Receiving and Concealing Stolen Property,"* and *"Stolen Vehicle/Motor Vehicle Advisory."*

Comm. Holley asked Director Goss to follow up and ensure that backlogged cases are being handled by OCI.

Director Goss stated yes sir.

Chief Inv. Sheard stated that a report was given to the Commissioners twice, but that the information will be forthcoming. He is preparing a letter of response to the Law Department as to what can be done to eliminate the backlog.

Comm. Holley asked Director Goss if the Commissioners could provide a report in a forum-like setting to the citizens.

Comm. Ramirez stated it is whatever the pleasure of this Board is.

Comm. Holley asked to know when the presentation could be made and are there plans to expedite.

Comm. Ramirez stated that the Chief Investigator will provide a report for the Commissioners' packets.

Comm. Griffin stated we need a date as to when this will be completed and forwarded to the Commissioners.

Comm. Ramirez stated next Thursday.

Comm Holley asked Chief Inv. Sheard will that work.

Chief Inv. Sheard stated that will work.

Comm. Holley stated thank you.

Chief Bully-Cummings thanked Commissioner Griffin for attending the graduation ceremony on Wednesday, 7/16/08. She stated it was a small class and that upcoming classes would be larger. She also acknowledged Personnel Director L. Ducker and stated that she was doing a fine job of recruiting.

She further stated that there has been a lot of misinformation about the bicycle licensing. There is currently, and has always been, an ordinance regarding licensing, and that it was re-instituted to be able to return property to the owner(s) if necessary. She said the licenses cost the same as they did years ago, which is \$1.00.

She also stated that the Department donated 100 licenses, as did the Detroit Fire Fighter's Association, and added that her intent is not to enforce the penalty aspect of the license but rather so that property could be returned to the owner.

Comm. Ramirez stated that the Community Relations Councils should take this up at their meetings to ensure the citizens are informed.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated absolutely.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no standing committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Comm. Ramirez stated there are two conferences scheduled for some of the commissioners and staff to attend. The NACOLE Conference takes place October 27-30 in Cincinnati Ohio, will be attended by Comm. Griffin, Comm. Okdie, Executive Dir. Goss and Supervising Inv. Cromwell. The second one is the IAPRO Technology Conference takes place October 27-30 in Phoenix Arizona, will be attended by Chief Inv. Sheard and Lt. Allen.

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Travel.

SECOND: **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

1. GRANT: REQUEST PERMISSION TO ACCEPT AN INCREASE IN THE MICHIGAN OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY PLANNING (OHSP), "SAFE COMMUNITIES GRANT"

The "Safe Communities" grant from the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP), is a continuation grant presently in the Fiscal Year 2007/2008 budget for \$350,000. The grant's appropriation number 12348. On April 9, 2008, Your Honorable Body approved an increase in the award amount of \$54,500. The Detroit Police Department has been awarded an additional \$50,000, which brings the total award amount to \$454,500. There is no cash match required by the City of Detroit for this grant program.

The Chief is requesting the Board's permission to accept the grant award increase and to seek approval from the City Council.

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Griffin asked for a one (1) minute summation of what the grant meant.

PO Brownlee stated that the grant allows for seat belt, intersection and lawful vehicle operation enforcement. It is to ensure overall highway safety.

Comm. Griffin asked if the grants were for additional officers and overtime.

PO Brownlee stated yes sir.

Comm. Holley asked if the Board could pardon the Police Department's presentation for 8/7/08, but still have a meeting with the citizens. He also requested a closed session meeting for the purposes of discussing the Police Commission bylaws that have been proposed and that are to be reviewed by each Commissioner. He also asked if there was a document to see how others are being evaluated and how the Board was doing with the committee structure. We want to do a better job of informing the citizens.

Comm. Ramirez stated there will be a closed session for 8/7/08 and that evaluation forms for the department can be available.

Comm. Holley asked if the Commissioners could have two weeks to view the materials.

Comm. Griffin stated to know full well that this current Board absolutely intends to ensure that, administratively, we are performing well. Comm. Griffin also stated that, without question, we understand the consent decree, citizen complaints and other issues that arise, as well as issues brought up at our last meeting whereby 19 youth have been killed since 2003. We expect to utilize the powers that are outlined in the charter, and that we intend to get our own house in order first. He stated that this is not rhetoric, but a fact. That's what we are going to do.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, July 24, 2008
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Edith Lee Payne stated that she has been before this Board several times and that her concerns with how investigations are handled are ongoing. She would like some clarification.

T. Simpson thanked the Chief for clarifying the issue concerning the bicycle licensing. She said a group has been organized and they will have a bike ride on August 1, 2008. She invited all to participate. Her group organized this ride to get people healthy and to curb the rising cost of gas.

Comm. Holley asked how many people are expected.

T. Simpson stated approximately 150.

Comm. Holley asked if the Board could receive a flyer.

T. Simpson stated yes sir.

Comm. Ramirez stated that the Community Affairs Coordinator will speak with you after the meeting.

T. Simpson stated thank you.

Comm. Holley stated it would also be good if the citizens could get the correct information on the licensing.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated that her Department will do a teletype.

Comm. Griffin asked to know where the bike route will start.

T. Simpson stated at the Eastern Market at Bert's Place.

T. Scott stated that he is the Coordinator of the Michigan Trails and Greenway Alliance. He thanked the Chief for clarifying the license information. He also stated that the information is still unclear as to whether people who are not City of Detroit residents need to have a license.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated that she is not sure of the specifics and that her office will take a look at that. She said it really has nothing to do with being a resident or not because things happen and that property still needs to be returned to the owner.

W. Miller stated that he is a longtime cyclist in the City of Detroit for more than 30 years. He stated he thinks the licenses should be voluntary and that it is more important to get the serial number on the actual bike because the potential stolen property can still be sold on Ebay or on Craig's List. He also stated that there is a national bike registry. He said that the officers also need to be educated on cycling safety.

E. Moore stated that the report card letter was appreciated by the Detroit City Council. He thanked the Board for the courtesy it shows to the office.

T. Stidham stated that he was following up on the police authorized towing issue and that he wants to ensure that the same incident that happened at the Fire Works does not happen at the Grand Prix.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated that AC Godbee would handle that concern.

Comm. Holley asked AC Godbee if he would be able to give him some information.

AC Godbee stated that he is in receipt of the correspondence and requested time to become acquainted with the information. Once he has had opportunity to do so, he will respond. He further stated that he would speak with Mr. Stidham verbally today, but that a detailed response would be forthcoming in approximately one (1) week.

I. Nabor stated that her aunt took her to get a license for her bike and that the officers of the Central District disrespected her mother and called her lazy. Ms. Nabor stated she did not like that because her mother had just gotten off work at 8:00 a.m. and that was why her aunt took her.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated that she was sorry on behalf of the Department and that – that normally doesn't happen. She also stated that AC Dunlap will definitely look into this matter.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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